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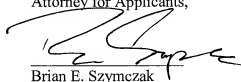
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

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	E.	3,901,242	08/26/75	Storz	128	303	05/30/74
	F.	3,920,021	11/18/75	Hillebrandt	128	303	05/15/74
	G.	3,939,839	02/24/76	Curtiss	128	303	06/26/74
	H.	3,970,088	07/20/76	Morrison	128	303	04/24/75
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	J.	4,092,986	06/06/78	Schneiderman	128	303	06/14/76
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	M.	4,474,179	10/02/84	Koch	606	40	05/13/82
	N.	4,590,934	05/27/86	Malis et al.	128	303	05/18/83
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	P.	4,727,874	03/01/88	Bowers et al.	128	303	09/10/84
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	S.	4,832,048	05/23/89	Cohen	128	786	10/29/87
	T.	4,907,589	03/13/90	Cosman	606	34	04/29/88
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	H.	5,171,311	12/15/92	Rydell et al.	606	48	09/23/91
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	J.	5,192,280	03/09/93	Parins	606	48	11/25/91
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	M.	5,633,578	05/27/97	Eggers et al.	323	301	07/15/94
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	Q.	5,697,536	12/16/97	Eggers et al.	604	114	11/18/96
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	Y.	5,871,469	02/16/99	Eggers et al.	604	114	02/05/97
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	A.	6,013,076	01/11/00	Goble et al.	606	41	10/25/96
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	F.	6,047,700	04/11/00	Eggers et al.	128	898	05/22/98
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	R.	6,126,682	10/03/00	Sharkey et al.	607	96	09/15/98
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	T.	6,149,620	11/21/00	Baker et al.	604	22	02/12/99
	U.	6,159,194	12/12/00	Eggers et al.	604	500	10/02/97
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G.	6,210,402	04/03/01	Olsen et al.	606	32	11/25/97
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	V.	6,749,608	06/15/04	Garito et al.	606	45	08/05/02
	W.	6,770,071	8/3/2004	Woloszko et al.	606	41	2/9/2001
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	Y.	6,780,180	08/24/04	Goble et al.	606	41	03/08/00
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